

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 14 August 2009. These drawings are acceptable.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see page 7, line 22 to page 14, line 17, filed 14 August 2009, with respect to the 35 USC 102 and 103 rejections of claims 1-7 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 USC 102 and 103 rejections of claims 1-7 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-7 are allowed.

Conclusion

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M. Greene whose telephone number is (571) 272-1157. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (10:00 AM to 6:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Marcheschi can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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